

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-29 (cancelled).

30. (Withdrawn): A method of defining rules for performing a guard patrol of one or more checkpoints, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) assigning an identifier to a rule to be defined;
- b) assigning a date range during which said rule is valid;
- c) determining a schedule for when said rule must be followed; and
- d) setting the number of required checkpoint visits for each location of said guard patrol.

31. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 30, wherein said date range of said step b) is selected from the group consisting of the rule being valid indefinitely, the rule being invalid after a specified date and the rule being valid only between an assigned range of dates.

32. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 30, wherein said schedule of said step c) is selected from the group consisting of specific days of each week, specific days of each month, and specific day of each year.

33. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 32, further including the step of determining a time range for each day during which said rules is effective.

34. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 30, further including the step of reporting an exception anytime a checkpoint is not patrolled pursuant to said defined rule.

Claim 35 (cancelled).

36. (Currently amended): A computer program product for use with a data processing system for monitoring and evaluating guard patrols of one or more sites, said computer program product comprising:

- a) a computer usable medium including:
  - 1) computer readable program code means embodied in said computer usable medium for gathering information obtained from one or more checkpoints during a guard patrol of one or more sites, said checkpoints being non-prioritized permitting said information to be gathered in any sequence;
  - 2) computer readable program code means embodied in said computer usable medium for detecting when said gathered

information is ready to be downloaded into said data processing system; and

- 3) computer readable program code means embodied in said computer usable medium for downloading said gathered information into said data processing system; and

- b) computer readable program code means for printing one or more reports to a printer of said information obtained from one or more checkpoints during a guard patrol, said reports comprising customization selected from the group consisting of logos, cover sheets, photographs, detailed headings, bitmaps, watermarks, drawings, illustrations, trademarks, and patrol statistics.

37. (Currently amended): A computer program product for use with a data processing system for monitoring and evaluating guard patrols of one or more sites, said computer program product comprising:

- a) a computer usable medium including:
  - 1) computer readable program code means embodied in said computer usable medium for gathering information obtained from one or more checkpoints during a guard patrol of one or more sites, said checkpoints being non-

prioritized permitting said information to be gathered in any sequence;

- 2) computer readable program code means embodied in said computer usable medium for monitoring the gathering of said information and detecting when said gathered information is ready to be downloaded into said data processing system; and
- 3) computer readable program code means embodied in said computer usable medium for downloading said gathered information into said data processing system; and
- b) computer readable program code means for downloading said gathered information into said data processing system independently of said computer program product.